

Update Feb 14 pm

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Good afternoon Mike,

Feb 14, 2022 – cut off time 15:00

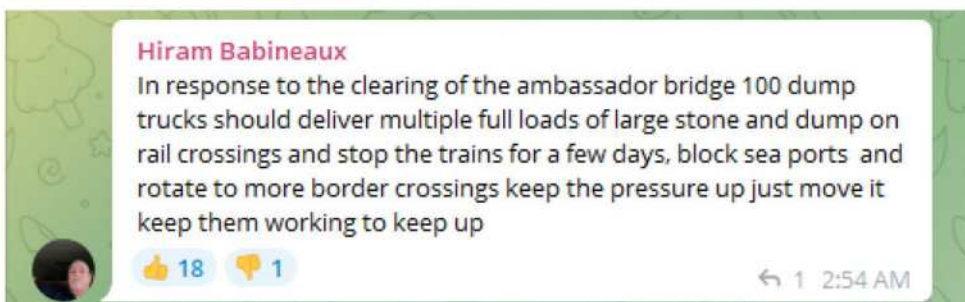
RAIL – Update

CURRENT EVENT

On 14 February 2022, identified communications on social media user called for activists to dump loads of stone on rail crossings in response to the removal of the blockade at the Ambassador Bridge. The communications were posted in two prominent Telegram channels associated with convoy planning activities; however, no notable responses were identified regarding these communications.

NSI COMMENT

The following social media communications are assessed as being aspirational in nature as they do not focus on a single event but suggest several different activities to affect critical infrastructure. No concrete actions against rail have been identified.



SARNIA/PORT HURON REGION – No Change

- * As of the morning of 14 February 2022, it was reported that traffic was moving freely over the Blue Water Bridge near Sarnia, Ontario in both directions.

CURRENT SITUATION

- * Reported that PM Trudeau informed his caucus that he will invoke the Emergencies Act, granting the federal government extra powers to handle ongoing protests.
- * Local media reports indicate that a deal was struck between the mayor of Ottawa and organizers of the Freedom Convoy, that by noon on 14 February 2022, organizers will limit the protest to Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Canada, and exit residential areas. **At 14:45 EST, Ottawa Mayor tweeted “convoy leaders have started to act on their commitment to move several trucks from the residential district south of Wellington”. However, it remains unclear if all protest leaders support the agreement.**

- * Project Hendon has assessed that there is some infighting with the protesters as to whether or not to move their vehicles as per the agreement with the city of Ottawa.
- * In Windsor, there has been 37 vehicles towed and 42 arrests; there is a small amount of protesters still on location being handled by POJ. **Border has reopened to all traffic.**
- * Mariners for Freedom has posted on Social Media proposing the blocking of Ports in Nova Scotia. Credibility of the event taking place is unknown.

Summary of the Emergencies Act

- * The ability to “regulate or prohibit public assembly that may reasonably be expected to lead to a breach of the peace, travel, or the use of property”.
- * The ability to “designate and secure protected places”.
- * The ability to “assume the control, restoration and maintenance of public utilities and services”.
- * The ability to “authorize or direct the provision of essential services and the provision of reasonable compensation”.
- * The ability to “impose on summary conviction a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding six months or both, or on indictment, a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both, for any breach of an order or regulation”.



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